

Remarks

Claims 1-6 and 8-10 remain in the application with only Claim 1 being in independent form. Claim 7 has been cancelled and claims 1 and 8-10 are being amended.

Claims 1-6 and 11-14 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Fett '608. Claims 7-10 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the allowance of dependent claims 7-10. In accordance with this allowance, Applicant has amended claim 1 to include the substantive limitations of allowed dependent claim 7. Claim 1, as well as claims 2-6 and 8-10 that depend from claim 1, are therefore believed allowable. The dependency of claims 8 and 9 are being amended due to the cancellation of claim 7. Claim 10 is being amended to correct a typographical error.

The remaining references cited but not applied to the claims have been considered. Since the Examiner has apparently considered these references as less pertinent than the above discussed references, further discussion of the non-applied references, at this time, is considered unnecessary. However, it is respectfully submitted that the claims in the subject patent application patentably define over all references of record either independently or in combination.



Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the Application, as amended, is now presented in condition for allowance, which allowance is respectfully solicited. The Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 08-2789 for any fees or credit the account for any overpayment.

Respectfully submitted,

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